



MINUTES

COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION ADA HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, IL & VIDEO MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024 (CLOSED SESSION)

Call to Order: The Chair, Dr. Maxine Feinberg, called a closed meeting of the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) to order at 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, in the Executive Board Room of the American Dental Association Headquarters Building, Chicago, Illinois and in a virtual closed session for the purpose of a Mega Issue Discussion by the Commission.

Roll Call: Dr. Evanthia Anadioti, Dr. Victor Badner, Dr. Keith Beasley, Dr. Indraneel Bhattacharyya, Dr. James Boynton (substitute for Dr. Jessica Lee), Ms. Margaret Bowman-Pensel, Dr. Carolyn Brown, Dr. Ngoc Chu, Dr. Joseph Cohen, Dr. Scott DeRossi, Dr. Cherae Farmer-Dixon, Dr. Maxine Feinberg (chair), Dr. Joseph Giovannitti, Ms. LaShun James, Dr. George Kushner, Dr. Cataldo Leone, Dr. Frank Licari (vice-chair), Dr. Paul Luepke, Ms. Lisa Mayer, Dr. Keith Mays, Ms. Martha McCaslin, Dr. Garry Myers, Dr. Monica Nenad, Dr. Lisa Nowlin, Dr. Cornelius Pitts, Dr. Jeffrey Price, Dr. Miriam Robbins, Dr. Nancy Rosenthal, Dr. Kenneth Sadler, Dr. Glenn Sameshima, Ms. Lonni Thompson, Dr. Deborah Weisfuse, and Mr. Noah Williams.

Commissioners attending in person: Dr. Evanthia Anadioti, Dr. Victor Badner, Dr. Keith Beasley, Dr. Indraneel Bhattacharyya, Dr. James Boynton (substitute for Dr. Jessica Lee), Dr. Carolyn Brown, Dr. Ngoc Chu, Dr. Joseph Cohen, Dr. Scott DeRossi, Dr. Cherae Farmer-Dixon, Dr. Maxine Feinberg (chair), Dr. Joseph Giovannitti, Ms. LaShun James, Dr. George Kushner, Dr. Cataldo Leone, Dr. Frank Licari (vice-chair), Dr. Paul Luepke, Dr. Keith Mays, Ms. Martha McCaslin, Dr. Garry Myers, Dr. Monica Nenad, Dr. Lisa Nowlin, Dr. Jeffrey Price, Dr. Miriam Robbins, Dr. Nancy Rosenthal, Dr. Glenn Sameshima, Ms. Lonni Thompson, and Mr. Noah Williams.

Commissioners attending virtually: Ms. Margaret Bowman-Pensel, Dr. Cornelius Pitts (attended a portion of the meeting), and Dr. Deborah Weisfuse.

Commissioners absent: Dr. Jessica Lee, Ms. Lisa Mayer, and Dr. Kenneth Sadler were unable to attend.

Trustee Liaison: Dr. Brendan Dowd, Second District Trustee, Board of Trustees Liaison to CODA, American Dental Association (ADA) attended in person.

Commission Staff: Dr. Sherin Took, *ex-officio* (senior director), Ms. Katie Navickas, Ms. Yesenia Ruiz, Ms. Peggy Soeldner, and Ms. Kelly Stapleton, managers, Ms. Marjorie Hooper, and Mr. Daniel Sloyan, coordinators, and Ms. Bridget Blackwood, Ms. Shelby Burgus, Ms. Zaira Limon-Perez, and Ms. Attiyya Muhammad, senior project assistants, CODA, were in attendance. Ms. Jamie Asher Hernandez, manager, CODA, was unable to attend. Ms. Samara Schwartz, senior associate general counsel, ADA/CODA attended a portion of the meeting, virtually.

Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda of the meeting was adopted.



Policy Reminder of Confidentiality: Dr. Sherin Took, CODA Senior Director, read the Commission’s Reminder of Confidentiality.

Mega Issue Discussion: The Commission engaged in a Mega Issue discussion titled “The State of the Dental Disciplines and Dental Education.” The Commission’s informal discussion included a short update from each discipline-specific Commissioner related to their discipline(s) and the current scope of practice and workforce impact on the discipline; trends in academia (e.g., new standards or techniques); current challenges affecting educational programs; and future challenges in the educational environment. The Commission engaged in a discussion on various topics, including the number of accredited programs, digital dentistry, and program lengths.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Adjourn: The Commission adjourned the closed Mega Issue discussion at 6:00 P.M.



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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024 (CLOSED SESSION)

Call to Order: The Chair, Dr. Maxine Feinberg, called a regular meeting of the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) to order at 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 1, 2024, in the Executive Board Room of the American Dental Association Headquarters Building, Chicago, Illinois and in a virtual closed session for the purpose of reviewing educational programs by the Commission.

Roll Call: Dr. Evanthia Anadioti, Dr. Victor Badner, Dr. Keith Beasley, Dr. Indraneel Bhattacharyya, Dr. James Boynton (substitute for Dr. Jessica Lee), Ms. Margaret Bowman-Pensel, Dr. Carolyn Brown, Dr. Ngoc Chu, Dr. Joseph Cohen, Dr. Scott DeRossi, Dr. Cherae Farmer-Dixon, Dr. Maxine Feinberg (chair), Dr. Joseph Giovannitti, Ms. LaShun James, Dr. George Kushner, Dr. Cataldo Leone, Dr. Frank Licari (vice-chair), Dr. Paul Luepke, Ms. Lisa Mayer, Dr. Keith Mays, Ms. Martha McCaslin, Dr. Garry Myers, Dr. Monica Nenad, Dr. Lisa Nowlin, Dr. Cornelius Pitts, Dr. Jeffrey Price, Dr. Miriam Robbins, Dr. Nancy Rosenthal, Dr. Kenneth Sadler, Dr. Glenn Sameshima, Ms. Lonni Thompson, Dr. Deborah Weisfuse, and Mr. Noah Williams.

Commissioners attending in person: Dr. Evanthia Anadioti, Dr. Victor Badner, Dr. Keith Beasley, Dr. Indraneel Bhattacharyya, Dr. James Boynton (substitute for Dr. Jessica Lee), Dr. Carolyn Brown, Dr. Ngoc Chu, Dr. Joseph Cohen, Dr. Scott DeRossi, Dr. Cherae Farmer-Dixon, Dr. Maxine Feinberg (chair), Dr. Joseph Giovannitti, Ms. LaShun James, Dr. George Kushner, Dr. Cataldo Leone, Dr. Frank Licari (vice-chair), Dr. Paul Luepke, Dr. Keith Mays, Ms. Martha McCaslin, Dr. Garry Myers, Dr. Monica Nenad, Dr. Lisa Nowlin, Dr. Cornelius Pitts, Dr. Jeffrey Price, Dr. Miriam Robbins, Dr. Nancy Rosenthal, Dr. Glenn Sameshima, Ms. Lonni Thompson, and Mr. Noah Williams.

Commissioners attending virtually: Ms. Margaret Bowman-Pensel and Dr. Deborah Weisfuse (attended a portion of the meeting).

Commissioners absent: Dr. Jessica Lee, Ms. Lisa Mayer, and Dr. Kenneth Sadler were unable to attend.

Trustee Liaison: Dr. Brendan Dowd, Second District Trustee, Board of Trustees Liaison to CODA, American Dental Association (ADA) attended in person.

Commission Staff: Dr. Sherin Took, *ex-officio* (senior director), Ms. Katie Navickas, Ms. Yesenia Ruiz, Ms. Peggy Soeldner, and Ms. Kelly Stapleton, managers, Ms. Marjorie Hooper, and Mr. Daniel Sloyan, coordinators, and Ms. Bridget Blackwood, Ms. Shelby Burgus, Ms. Zaira Limon-Perez, and Ms. Attiyya Muhammad, senior project assistants, CODA, were in attendance. Ms. Jamie Asher Hernandez, manager, CODA, was unable to attend. Ms. Samara Schwartz, senior associate general counsel, ADA/CODA, was in attendance.

Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda of the meeting was adopted.



Commission on Dental Accreditation

Commissioner Fiduciary Duties, Professional Conduct Policy, and Conflict of Interest Obligations:

Ms. Samara Schwartz, ADA/CODA Senior Associate General Counsel, reminded the Commission of its fiduciary responsibilities and the Conflict of Interest policy.

Policy Reminder of Confidentiality: Dr. Sherin Tooks, CODA Senior Director, read the Commission's Reminder of Confidentiality, noting the confidential nature of the Commission's materials and deliberations related to the accreditation of programs.

Accreditation Mail Ballots Since Last Commission Meeting: The Commission approved for the record three (3) mail ballots related to program accreditation actions, which had been considered since the Summer 2023 Commission meeting.

Consideration of Site Visitor Nominations: Site Visitors are appointed annually for one-year terms but for no more than six (6) consecutive years. The Commission considered the names of individuals recommended by the Predoctoral (including Dental Therapy), Postdoctoral General Dentistry (including Advanced Education in General Dentistry and General Practice Residency), Dental Anesthesiology, Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, Dental Laboratory Technology, Dental Public Health, Endodontics, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Oral Medicine, Orofacial Pain, Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, and Prosthodontics Education Review Committees.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation approves the site visitor appointments for 2024-2025 (**Appendix 1**).

Consideration of Matters Relating to Accreditation Actions: The Commission reviewed site visit evaluations, progress reports, and other requested reports on predoctoral dental education programs, advanced dental education programs, and allied dental education programs.

Four (4) special appearances were made before the Commission by educational programs reviewed in the Commission's Report on the Accreditation Status of Educational Programs.

Commission Action: Accreditation status was granted to programs evaluated since the Summer 2023 meeting. Accreditation actions are summarized in the "Report on the Accreditation Statuses of Educational Programs." (**Appendix 2**).

Closed Session Business Related to CODA Operations: The Commission considered confidential matters related to operations (**Appendix: CODA Confidential Matters, Commission Only**).

Adjournment: The Commission adjourned the closed session at 4:29 P.M.



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COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION VIRTUAL MEETING

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024 (OPEN SESSION)

Call to Order: The Chair, Dr. Maxine Feinberg, called a regular meeting of the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) to order at 9:15 A.M. on Friday, February 2, 2024, in the Executive Board Room of the American Dental Association Headquarters Building, Chicago, Illinois and in a virtual open session.

Roll Call: Dr. Evanthia Anadioti, Dr. Victor Badner, Dr. Keith Beasley, Dr. Indraneel Bhattacharyya, Dr. James Boynton (substitute for Dr. Jessica Lee), Ms. Margaret Bowman-Pensel, Dr. Carolyn Brown, Dr. Ngoc Chu, Dr. Joseph Cohen, Dr. Scott DeRossi, Dr. Cherae Farmer-Dixon, Dr. Maxine Feinberg (chair), Dr. Joseph Giovannitti, Ms. LaShun James, Dr. George Kushner, Dr. Cataldo Leone, Dr. Frank Licari (vice-chair), Dr. Paul Luepke, Ms. Lisa Mayer, Dr. Keith Mays, Ms. Martha McCaslin, Dr. Garry Myers, Dr. Monica Nenad, Dr. Lisa Nowlin, Dr. Cornelius Pitts, Dr. Jeffrey Price, Dr. Miriam Robbins, Dr. Nancy Rosenthal, Dr. Kenneth Sadler, Dr. Glenn Sameshima, Ms. Lonni Thompson, Dr. Deborah Weisfuse, and Mr. Noah Williams.

Commissioners attending in person: Dr. Evanthia Anadioti, Dr. Victor Badner, Dr. Keith Beasley, Dr. Indraneel Bhattacharyya, Dr. James Boynton (substitute for Dr. Jessica Lee), Dr. Carolyn Brown, Dr. Ngoc Chu, Dr. Joseph Cohen, Dr. Scott DeRossi, Dr. Cherae Farmer-Dixon, Dr. Maxine Feinberg (chair), Dr. Joseph Giovannitti, Ms. LaShun James, Dr. George Kushner, Dr. Cataldo Leone, Dr. Frank Licari (vice-chair), Dr. Paul Luepke, Dr. Keith Mays, Ms. Martha McCaslin, Dr. Garry Myers, Dr. Monica Nenad, Dr. Lisa Nowlin, Dr. Cornelius Pitts, Dr. Jeffrey Price, Dr. Miriam Robbins, Dr. Nancy Rosenthal, Dr. Glenn Sameshima, Ms. Lonni Thompson, and Mr. Noah Williams.

Commissioners attending virtually: Ms. Margaret Bowman-Pensel, Ms. Lisa Mayer, and Dr. Deborah Weisfuse.

Commissioners absent: Dr. Jessica Lee, and Dr. Kenneth Sadler were unable to attend.

Trustee Liaison: Dr. Brendan Dowd, Second District Trustee, Board of Trustees Liaison to CODA, American Dental Association (ADA) attended in person.

Commission Staff: Dr. Sherin Took, *ex-officio* (senior director), Ms. Katie Navickas, Ms. Yesenia Ruiz, Ms. Peggy Soeldner, and Ms. Kelly Stapleton, managers, Ms. Marjorie Hooper, and Mr. Daniel Sloyan, coordinators, and Ms. Bridget Blackwood, Ms. Shelby Burgus, Ms. Zaira Limon-Perez, and Ms. Attiyya Muhammad, senior project assistants, CODA, were in attendance. Ms. Jamie Asher Hernandez, manager, CODA, was unable to attend. Ms. Samara Schwartz, senior associate general counsel, ADA/CODA, was in attendance.

Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda of the meeting was adopted.

Conflict of Interest Statement, Fiduciary Reminder, and Reminder of Professional Conduct Policy and Prohibition Against Harassment: Ms. Samara Schwartz, senior associate general counsel, CODA,



reminded the Commissioners of their fiduciary responsibilities, Professional Conduct, Prohibition Against Harassment, and the CODA Conflict of Interest policies.

Approve the Minutes from Summer 2023 Meeting: The minutes of the Summer 2023 Meeting were approved.

Accreditation Mail Ballots Since Last Commission Meeting: The Commission approved for the record two (2) mail ballots submitted by the Standing Committee on Nominations, which have been considered since the Summer 2023 Commission meeting.

Consent Calendar: The Commission noted there were no items on the consent agenda.

Report of the Review Committee on Predoctoral Dental Education (PREDOC RC): **Committee Chair:** Dr. Cataldo Leone. **Committee Members:** Mr. Drew Christianson, Dr. Sillas Duarte (Virtual), Dr. Kevin Haubrick, Ms. Wilhemina Leeuw, Dr. Ana Karina Mascarenhas (Virtual), Dr. Thomas McConnell, Dr. Deborah Weisfuse-Lipner (Virtual), and Dr. Linda Wells. **Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual):** Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association and Dr. JoAnn Gurenlian, director, Education, Research & Advocacy, American Dental Hygienists' Association attended the policy portion of the meeting. **Staff Members:** Ms. Kelly Stapleton, manager, Predoctoral Dental Education, Ms. Attiyya Muhammad, senior project assistant, Dr. Sherin Tooko, senior director, CODA, and Ms. Samara Schwartz, senior associate general counsel, CODA. Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education, CODA attended a portion of the meeting.

The meeting of the Review Committee on Predoctoral Dental Education (PREDOC RC) was held on January 8 – 9, 2024 at the ADA Headquarters, Chicago, Illinois and via a virtual meeting. The PREDOC RC report is found in **Appendix 3**.

Informational Report on Predoctoral Dental Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Informational Report on Dental Therapy Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Improve Diversity in Dental and Dental Related Education Programs (All Review Committees): The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the PREDOC RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Ad Hoc Committee to Review Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs to consider the proposed short-term and long-term suggestions submitted by The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity related to improving diversity, with a future report to the Review Committee on Predoctoral Dental Education and Commission.



Consideration of Faculty to Student Ratios in Accreditation Standards: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the PREDOC RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation accepts the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty to Student Ratios in Accreditation Standards and directs there be no revisions related to faculty-to-student ratios at this time within the Accreditation Standards for Dental Therapy Education Programs.

Report of the Standing Committee on International Accreditation: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

New Business: Consideration of In-Person On-Site Work Expectations for Program Directors: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the PREDOC RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs an Ad Hoc or Standing Committee to investigate in-person, on-site work expectations for program directors to determine if changes are needed in the discipline-specific Accreditation Standards for dental education, advanced dental education, and allied dental education programs.

Report of the Review Committee on Postdoctoral General Dentistry Education (PGD RC):

Committee Chair: Dr. Miriam Robbins. **Committee Members:** Dr. Robert Hollowell, Dr. Jayson Huber, Dr. Edward O'Connor, Dr. Cornelius Pitts, Dr. Sally Jo Placa, Dr. Steven Rhodes, Dr. Eric Sung, and Dr. Michelle Ziegler. **Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual):** Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association attended the policy portion of the meeting. **Staff Members:** Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education and Ms. Bridget Blackwood, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Dr. Sherin Tooks, senior director, CODA, and Ms. Samara Schwartz, senior associate general counsel, CODA, attended a portion of the meeting.

The meeting of the Review Committee on Postdoctoral General Dentistry Education (PGD RC) was held on January 11, 2024 at the ADA Headquarters, Chicago, Illinois. The PGD RC report is found in **Appendix 4**.

Report on Advanced Education in General Dentistry Programs and General Practice Residency Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the PGD RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Advanced Education in General Dentistry and General Practice Residency Annual Survey Curriculum Section (**Appendix 5**) be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2024.

Consideration of the Accreditation Standards Related to the Optional Second Year for Advanced Education in General Dentistry and General Practice Residency Programs: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the PGD RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs circulation of the proposed revisions found in **Appendix 4**, to the communities of interest for review and comment



for a period of six (6) months with a Hearing conducted in conjunction with the March 2024 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session, with comments reviewed at the Commission's Summer 2024 meetings.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Improve Diversity in Dental and Dental Related Education Programs:

The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the PGD RC. The Commission noted that the topic of improving diversity in dental education programs was circulated to all education Review Committees for consideration, based on the request from The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity. The Commission discussed the topic for all advanced dental education programs, and several Commission members indicated the support for diversity in advanced dental education; however, it was also noted that mandating diversity is difficult. The Commission also noted that this topic was considered by the predoctoral dental and allied dental Review Committees and perhaps all Review Committee Chairs should be involved in the proposed Ad Hoc Committee. The Commission also recalled its prior action on this topic, at this meeting, related to dental education. It was noted that the dental education Standards are currently under review, which should continue; however, the dental education Commissioner should also be include in the Ad Hoc Committee. Similarly, while the allied disciplines are undergoing a review of their Standards, they too should be involved in the Ad Hoc Committee, with representation by the respective Commissioners. Following consideration of this matter, an amendment to the PGD RC's recommendation was adopted by the Commission. Therefore, the Commission directed establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee composed of all Commissioners who chair the discipline-specific Review Committees in dental, allied dental, and advanced dental education, and additional CODA Commissioners, to study the Accreditation Standards for possible revision related to the letter from The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity. The Commission further directed that its action on this matter serve as a substitute action, adopted by the Commission, when discussing all remaining allied dental and advanced dental education Review Committee reports at this meeting.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee composed of all Commissioners who chair the discipline-specific Review Committees in dental, allied dental, and advanced dental education, and additional CODA Commissioners, to study the Accreditation Standards for possible revision related to the letter from The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity.

Report of the Review Committee on Dental Assisting Education (DA RC): Committee Chair: Ms. Martha McCaslin. Committee Members: Ms. Julie Bera, Ms. Kimberly Bland, Dr. Jennifer Boyce, Ms. Heather Ferris, Dr. Preeti Sahasi (attended a portion of the meeting virtually), Ms. Staci Schory (attended a portion of the meeting virtually), Ms. Heather Seghi (attended a portion of the meeting virtually), Ms. Diana Williams, and Dr. Tia Young (attended virtually). Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Ms. Rebecca Stolberg, vice president, Allied Dental Education and Faculty Development, American Dental Education Association (ADEA), attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Jamie Asher Hernandez, manager, Allied Dental Education, Ms. Katie Navickas, manager, Allied Dental Education, Mr. Daniel Sloyan, coordinator, Allied Program Reviews, and Ms. Zaira Limon Perez, senior project assistant, Allied Dental Education, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Dr. Sherin Tooks, senior director, CODA, and Ms. Samara Schwartz, senior associate general counsel, CODA, attended a portion of the meeting.

The meeting of the Review Committee on Dental Assisting Education (DA RC) was held on January 11-12, 2024 at the ADA Headquarters, Chicago, Illinois. The DA RC report is found in **Appendix 6**.



Informational Report on Dental Assisting Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Consideration of Standard 2-1 (Admissions) of Accreditation Standards for Dental Assisting Education Programs: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the DA RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Review Committee on Dental Assisting Education to further consider potential revision to Dental Assisting Standard 2-1 (Admissions) in conjunction with the Validity and Reliability Study for the Accreditation Standards for Dental Assisting Education Programs that will be conducted in Spring 2024.

Informational Report on the Conduct of a Validity and Reliability Study for the Accreditation Standards for Dental Assisting Education Programs: There was no discussion on the informational report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Dental Assisting Program Closure and Discontinuance of Accreditation: The Commission reviewed, in detail, the report of the Ad Hoc Committee and recommendations of the DA RC. Following consideration, the Commission concurred with the DA RC and directed a communication to the CODA-accredited dental assisting education programs, the American Dental Association (ADA), American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA), Dental Assisting National Board (DANB), state dental boards, and state dental associations, to request the following information:

1. the current state of dental assisting education programs (locally and/or nationally, as applicable), including practice requirements, numbers of programs in the state (CODA-accredited and non-CODA-accredited), changes in dental assisting education, and changes in dental assisting practice;
2. the current issues related to CODA-accredited dental assisting program closures (for example, funding/lack of resources, lack of student interest in the profession, lack of interest in attending a formal program, state practice requirements, etc.); and
3. data on enrollment in CODA-accredited dental assisting programs and, if declining, the reasons for the decline including limitations/barriers to full enrollment and data from educational programs and their admissions/career guidance counselors on the reasons why students choose other program options and/or reasons why dental assisting programs are unable to fully enroll.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs communication to the CODA-accredited dental assisting education programs, the American Dental Association (ADA), American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA), Dental Assisting National Board (DANB), state dental boards, and state dental associations, to request the information noted in items 1-3, above.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs development of educational materials for the public and academic institutions to emphasize the value of CODA-accredited dental assisting education programs.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs a formal communication to the American Dental Association's Council on Dental Education and Licensure (ADA-CDEL) to urge CDEL



and the ADA to support and encourage students to attend CODA-accredited dental assisting education programs as a pathway to the profession.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Improve Diversity in Dental and Dental Related Education Programs: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the DA RC in conjunction with the report of the Postdoctoral General Dentistry Review Committee, as noted above.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee composed of all Commissioners who chair the discipline-specific Review Committees in dental, allied dental, and advanced dental education, and additional CODA Commissioners, to study the Accreditation Standards for possible revision related to the letter from The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity.

Consideration of Faculty to Student Ratios in Accreditation Standards: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the DA RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Review Committee on Dental Assisting Education to further review the faculty-to-student ratios for dental assisting in conjunction with the Validity and Reliability Study for the Accreditation Standards for Dental Assisting Education Programs to be conducted Spring 2024.

Report of the Review Committee on Dental Hygiene Education (DH RC): Committee Chair: Dr. Monica Nenad. Committee Members: Ms. Denise Avrutik (virtual), Dr. Linda Boyd, Dr. Ngoc Chu (virtual), Ms. Mara Crow, Dr. Marcia Ditmyer, Ms. Patricia Guenther, Dr. James Harrison, Dr. Lorie Holt, Ms. Joanne Pacheco, Dr. Carole Palmer, Dr. Paul Francis Tayag Ayson, and Ms. Maiga Van Haalen. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Ms. Rebecca Stolberg, vice president, Allied Dental Education and Faculty Development attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Katie Navickas, manager, Allied Dental Education, Ms. Jamie Asher-Hernandez, manager, Allied Dental Education, Mr. Daniel Sloyan, coordinator, Allied Program Reviews, and Ms. Zaira Perez-Lemon, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Dr. Sherin Tooks, senior director, CODA, and Ms. Samara Schwartz, senior associate general counsel, CODA, attended a portion of the meeting.

The meeting of the Review Committee on Dental Hygiene Education (DH RC) was held on January 8-10, 2024 at the ADA Headquarters, Chicago, Illinois. The DH RC report is found in **Appendix 7**.

Informational Report on Dental Hygiene Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Consideration of Faculty to Student Ratios in Accreditation Standards: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the DH RC, reviewing the report in detail. The Commission discussed the potential composition of the proposed Ad Hoc Committee, noting the Committee could include the Dental Hygiene Commissioner, one (1) dental hygiene educator, one (1) dental hygiene practitioner, two (2) dentists, one (1) higher education administrator, and two (2) nominations from ADEA (one dental hygiene educator and one predoctoral dental educator). The Commission also reviewed its process and protocol to review and revise Accreditation Standards. Following consideration, the Commission concurred with the recommendations of the DH RC.



Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee to Study Dental Hygiene Standards Related to Ratios, and to research and review the current faculty-to-student ratios (Dental Hygiene Standard 3-5) and faculty degree requirements (Dental Hygiene Standards 3-2 and 3-6), within the Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs, with a future report to the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs invitation to the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) to submit the names of qualified nominees for selection by the Commission to fulfill the positions of one (1) dental hygiene educator and one (1) predoctoral dental educator on the Ad Hoc Committee to Study Dental Hygiene Standards Related to Ratios.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Improve Diversity in Dental and Dental Related Education Programs: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the DH RC in conjunction with the report of the Postdoctoral General Dentistry Review Committee, as noted above.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee composed of all Commissioners who chair the discipline-specific Review Committees in dental, allied dental, and advanced dental education, and additional CODA Commissioners, to study the Accreditation Standards for possible revision related to the letter from The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity.

New Business: Discussion of Matters Effecting Dental Hygiene Education Programs: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Report of the Review Committee on Dental Laboratory Technology Education (DLT RC):
Committee Chair: Ms. Lonni Thompson. **Committee Members:** Ms. LaShun James, Ms. Sandra Kotowski, Mr. Steven Pigliacelli, and Dr. Arpana Verma. **Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual):** Mr. Bennett Napier, chief staff executive, National Association of Dental Laboratories (NADL), and Ms. Rebecca Stolberg, vice president, Allied Dental Education and Faculty Development, American Dental Education Association (ADEA), attended the policy portion of the meeting. **Staff Members:** Ms. Jamie Asher Hernandez, manager, Allied Dental Education, Ms. Katie Navickas, manager, Allied Dental Education, and Mr. Daniel Sloyan, coordinator, Allied Program Reviews, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

The meeting of the Review Committee on Dental Laboratory Technology Education (DLT RC) was held on January 8, 2024 via a virtual meeting. The DLT RC report is found in **Appendix 8**.

Informational Report on Dental Laboratory Technology Education Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.



Consideration of Proposed Revision to the Accreditation Standards for Dental Laboratory Technology Education Programs: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the DLT RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee of available members of the Dental Laboratory Technology Education Review Committee, and nominated representatives from the National Association of Dental Laboratories, the National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology, a dental laboratory technology educator, and a dental laboratory technology site visitor to conduct a comprehensive review of the Accreditation Standards for Dental Laboratory Technology Education Programs, and to further discuss relevant issues affecting the dental laboratory technology profession and industry, and how these issues impact CODA-accredited dental laboratory technology education programs with a report for further consideration by the Dental Laboratory Technology Education Review Committee and Commission in Summer 2024.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Improve Diversity in Dental and Dental Related Education Programs: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the DLT RC in conjunction with the report of the Postdoctoral General Dentistry Review Committee, as noted above.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee composed of all Commissioners who chair the discipline-specific Review Committees in dental, allied dental, and advanced dental education, and additional CODA Commissioners, to study the Accreditation Standards for possible revision related to the letter from The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity.

Consideration of Faculty to Student Ratios in Accreditation Standards: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the DLT RC and concurred. It was noted that within dental laboratory technology education programs, there are difficulties in finding faculty with the required credentials, and in attracting students into the programs.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) directs that there be no changes to faculty to student ratios at this time within the Accreditation Standards for Dental Laboratory Technology Education Programs.

Report of the Review Committee on Dental Public Health Education (DPH RC): Committee Chair: Dr. Victor Badner. Committee Members: Dr. Bruce Dye, Dr. Maya Popova, and Dr. Robert Weyant. Dr. Shannon Smith-Stephens attended a portion of the meeting. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association; Dr. David Cappelli, president, American Board of Dental Public Health; Ms. Kelly Braun, executive director, American Board of Dental Public Health; and Dr. Frances Kim, executive director, American Association of Public Health Dentistry, attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education; Dr. Sherin Tooks, senior director; and Ms. Michele Kendall, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Ms. Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education, attended a portion of the meeting.

The meeting of the Review Committee on Dental Public Health Education (DPH RC) was held on January 12, 2024 via a virtual meeting. The DPH RC report is found in **Appendix 9**.



Report on Dental Public Health Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the DPH RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Dental Public Health Annual Survey Curriculum Section for dental public health programs (**Appendix 10**) be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2024.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Public Health: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the DPH RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Public Health found in **Appendix 9** and directs revision of all related documents, for implementation July 1, 2025.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Improve Diversity in Dental and Dental Related Education Programs: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the DPH RC in conjunction with the report of the Postdoctoral General Dentistry Review Committee, as noted above.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee composed of all Commissioners who chair the discipline-specific Review Committees in dental, allied dental, and advanced dental education, and additional CODA Commissioners, to study the Accreditation Standards for possible revision related to the letter from The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity.

Report of the Review Committee on Endodontics Education (ENDO RC): Committee Chair: Dr. Garry Myers. Committee Members: Dr. Carolyn Brown, Dr. Linda Casser, Dr. Gerald Glickman, Dr. Timothy Kirkpatrick, and Dr. Josanne O'Dell. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association, and Ms. Trina Andresen Coe, deputy executive director, American Association of Endodontists (AAE) attended the policy portion of the meeting. Commission Staff: Ms. Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education, and Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

The meeting of the Review Committee on Endodontics Education (ENDO RC) was held on January 8, 2024, via a virtual meeting. The ENDO RC report is found in **Appendix 11**.

Report on Endodontics Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Consideration of Proposed Revision to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics Related to Program Director Full Time Status: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the ENDO RC. The Commission discussed whether there is consistency in program director requirements among all advanced dental education Standards, and it was noted that variability exists among disciplines related to program director time allocation to the program.



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Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the proposed revision to Standard 2-1 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics (**Appendix 11**) be circulated to the communities of interest for review and comment for a period of six (6) months, with a Hearing in conjunction with the March 2024 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session, with comments reviewed at the Commission's Summer 2024 meetings.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Improve Diversity in Dental and Dental Related Education Programs: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the ENDO RC in conjunction with the report of the Postdoctoral General Dentistry Review Committee, as noted above.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee composed of all Commissioners who chair the discipline-specific Review Committees in dental, allied dental, and advanced dental education, and additional CODA Commissioners, to study the Accreditation Standards for possible revision related to the letter from The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity.

Report of the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Education (OMP RC):

Committee Chair: Dr. Neel Bhattacharyya. **Committee Members:** Dr. Leticia Ferreira Cabido, Dr. Ashley Clark, Dr. Dara Rogers, and Ms. Lisa Mayer. **Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual):** Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association; Dr. Catherine Flaitz, president, American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology; and Dr. Kevin Torske, secretary/treasurer, American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, attended the policy portion of the meeting. **Staff Members:** Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education; Ms. Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education; and Ms. Michele Kendall, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

The meeting of the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Education (OMP RC) was held on January 11, 2024 via a virtual meeting. The OMP RC report is found in **Appendix 12**.

Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the OMP RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Annual Survey Curriculum Section for oral and maxillofacial pathology programs (**Appendix 13**) be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2024.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Improve Diversity in Dental and Dental Related Education Programs: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the OMP RC in conjunction with the report of the Postdoctoral General Dentistry Review Committee, as noted above.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee composed of all Commissioners who chair the discipline-specific Review Committees in dental, allied dental, and advanced dental education, and additional CODA Commissioners, to study the Accreditation Standards for possible revision related to the letter from The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity.



Report of the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Education (OMR RC):

Committee Chair: Dr. Jeffery Price. **Committee Members:** Dr. King Chong Chan, Dr. Karen Parker-Davidson, Dr. Tena Phillips, and Dr. Sindhura Anamali Reddy. **Guest (Open Session Only, Virtual):** Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association, attended the policy portion of the meeting. **Staff Members:** Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education; Ms. Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education; and Ms. Michele Kendall, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

The meeting of the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Education (OMR RC) was held on January 8, 2024 via a virtual meeting. The OMR RC report is found in **Appendix 14**.

Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the OMR RC and concurred. It was also noted that artificial and augmented intelligence-based imaging has been added as a new Standard (OMR Standard 4-16) beginning July 1, 2024, so the survey in Fall 2026 will be updated accordingly.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Annual Survey Curriculum Section for oral and maxillofacial radiology programs (**Appendix 15**) be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2024.

Informational Report on the Conduct of a Validity and Reliability Study for the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Improve Diversity in Dental and Dental Related Education Programs: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the OMR RC in conjunction with the report of the Postdoctoral General Dentistry Review Committee, as noted above.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee composed of all Commissioners who chair the discipline-specific Review Committees in dental, allied dental, and advanced dental education, and additional CODA Commissioners, to study the Accreditation Standards for possible revision related to the letter from The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity.

Report of the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education (OMS RC):

Committee Chair: Dr. George Kushner. **Committee Members:** Dr. Vasiliki Karlis, Dr. John Manahan, Dr. Pushkar Mehra, Dr. Jan Mitchell, and Dr. Vincent Perciaccante. Dr. Kushner did not attend the January 18, 2024 meeting and Dr. Karlis served as interim committee chair. **Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual):** Ms. Mary Allaire-Schnitzer, associate executive director, American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS), Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association (ADEA), Dr. Robert S. Clark, vice president, AAOMS, Dr. Mark A. Egbert, president, AAOMS, Dr. J. David Morrison, president-elect, AAOMS, and Ms. Laurie Oddo, manager, Advanced Education and Resident Affairs, AAOMS attended the policy portion of the meeting. **Commission Staff:** Ms. Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education, Dr. Sherin Tooks, senior director, Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education, and Ms. Shelby Burgus, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).



The meeting of the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education (OMS RC) was held on January 9, 2024, and January 18, 2024, via a virtual meeting. The OMS RC report is found in **Appendix 16**.

Informational Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Programs (Residency and Fellowship) Annual Survey Curriculum Data: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Programs (Residency and Fellowship) Annual Survey Curriculum Sections: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the OMS RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Annual Survey Curriculum Section for oral and maxillofacial surgery residency programs (**Appendix 17**) be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2024.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Annual Survey Curriculum Section for oral and maxillofacial surgery clinical fellowship programs (**Appendix 18**) be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2024.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Improve Diversity in Dental and Dental Related Education Programs: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the OMS RC in conjunction with the report of the Postdoctoral General Dentistry Review Committee, as noted above.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee composed of all Commissioners who chair the discipline-specific Review Committees in dental, allied dental, and advanced dental education, and additional CODA Commissioners, to study the Accreditation Standards for possible revision related to the letter from The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity.

Report of the Review Committee on Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Education

(ORTHO RC): Committee Chair: Dr. Glenn Sameshima. Committee Members: Dr. Sarandeep Huja, Dr. Howard Lieb, Dr. Juan Palomo, and Dr. Emile Rossouw. Ms. Marty Nicholson was unable to attend the meeting. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association (ADEA), and Ms. Michelle Ritterskamp, continuing education senior specialist, American Association of Orthodontists (AAO), attended the policy portion of the meeting. Commission Staff: Ms. Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education, Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education, Dr. Sherin Tooks, senior director, and Ms. Shelby Burgus, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

The meeting of the Review Committee on Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Education (ORTHO RC) was held on January 12, 2024, via a virtual meeting. The ORTHO RC report is found in **Appendix 19**.



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Report on Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Programs (Residency and Fellowship) Annual Survey Curriculum Section: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the ORTHO RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Annual Survey Curriculum Section for orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics programs, Residency and Fellowship, (**Appendix 20**) be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2024.

Consideration of Proposed Revision to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Related to Faculty Ratios: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the ORTHO RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee composed of members of the ORTHO RC and nominees from the American Association of Orthodontists to review Standards 2-9 and 2-10 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Program in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, with a future report to the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs communication with the American Association of Orthodontists to request nominations of individuals who may serve on the Ad Hoc Committee to review Standards 2-9 and 2-10, from which the Commission will appoint two (2) to three (3) individuals.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs communication with the American Association of Orthodontists, Council on Education (COE), and Society of Educators (SOE) to request feedback for consideration by the CODA Ad Hoc Committee, including information on this topic from orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics education programs.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Improve Diversity in Dental and Dental Related Education Programs: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the ORTHO RC in conjunction with the report of the Postdoctoral General Dentistry Review Committee, as noted above.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee composed of all Commissioners who chair the discipline-specific Review Committees in dental, allied dental, and advanced dental education, and additional CODA Commissioners, to study the Accreditation Standards for possible revision related to the letter from The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity.

Report of the Review Committee on Pediatric Dentistry Education (PED RC): Committee Chair: Dr. Jessica Lee. Committee Members: Dr. James Boynton, Dr. Ana Keohane, Dr. Tad Mabry, Ms. Lisa Mayer, and Dr. Anupama Tate. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association; Dr. Leila C. Younger, executive director, American Board of Pediatric Dentistry; and Dr. Marcio Guelmann, president, American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education; Ms. Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education; and Ms. Michele Kendall, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Dr. Sherin Tooks, senior



director, CODA, and Ms. Samara Schwartz, senior associate general counsel, CODA, attended a portion of the meeting.

The meeting of the Review Committee on Pediatric Dentistry Education (PED RC) was held on January 9, 2024 via a virtual meeting. The PED RC report is found in **Appendix 21**.

Report on Pediatric Dentistry Program Annual Survey Curriculum Section: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the PED RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Pediatric Dentistry Annual Survey Curriculum Section for pediatric dentistry programs (**Appendix 22**) be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2024.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Anesthesia Standards of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Pediatric Dentistry: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the PED RC. Through discussion, some members of the Commission expressed concerns about the modified revisions to Standard 4-7b2, specifically related to the lack of age requirements and a required number of sedations. In addition, some members of the Commission disagreed with the recommendation of the PED RC that the modified revisions are not circulated to the communities of interest for review and comment. Therefore, some members of the Commission believed the modified proposed revisions should not be adopted and should be circulated to the communities of interest for additional review and comment. Through further discussion, other members of the Commission noted Standard 4-7b2, before proposed revisions, did not include an age range requirement and that the proposed revisions did not change the existing language in the “must” statement. Additionally, it was noted that the addition of the intent statement further strengthened the Standard. Therefore, some members of the Commission believed the proposed revisions, with the modifications, should be adopted without additional circulation and without further delay. Following lengthy discussion, the Commission concurred with the recommendation of the PED RC and directed the proposed revisions be adopted and all related documents be revised, with an implementation date of January 1, 2025.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Pediatric Dentistry (**Appendix 21**) and direct revision of all related documents, for implementation January 1, 2025.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Improve Diversity in Dental and Dental Related Education Programs: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the PED RC in conjunction with the report of the Postdoctoral General Dentistry Review Committee, as noted above.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee composed of all Commissioners who chair the discipline-specific Review Committees in dental, allied dental, and advanced dental education, and additional CODA Commissioners, to study the Accreditation Standards for possible revision related to the letter from The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity.

Report of the Review Committee on Periodontics Education (PERIO RC): Committee Chair: Dr. Paul Luepke. Committee Members: Dr. Wayne Kye, Dr. A.C. Liles, III, Dr. Angela Palaiologou-Gallis, and Dr. Dimitris Tatakis. Dr. Vishal Shah was unable to attend the meeting. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer of the American Dental Education Association (limited



attendance), and Ms. Tameisha Williams, academic affairs manager, American Academy of Periodontology (AAP), attended the policy portion of the meeting. Commission Staff: Ms. Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education, Dr. Sherin Tooks, senior director, and Ms. Shelby Burgess, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), and Ms. Samara Schwartz, senior associate general counsel, CODA.

The meeting of the Review Committee on Periodontics Education (PERIO RC) was held on January 11, 2024, via a virtual meeting. The PERIO RC report is found in **Appendix 23**.

Report on Periodontics Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the PERIO RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation approves the proposed revisions to the Periodontics Annual Survey Curriculum Section for periodontics programs (**Appendix 23**) and directs use of the revised Curriculum Section in Fall 2024.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Improve Diversity in Dental and Dental Related Education Programs: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the PERIO RC in conjunction with the report of the Postdoctoral General Dentistry Review Committee, as noted above.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee composed of all Commissioners who chair the discipline-specific Review Committees in dental, allied dental, and advanced dental education, and additional CODA Commissioners, to study the Accreditation Standards for possible revision related to the letter from The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity.

Report of the Review Committee on Prosthodontics Education (PROS RC): Committee Chair: Dr. Evanthia Anadioti. Committee Members: Dr. Linda Casser, Dr. Sang Lee, Dr. Dean Morton, Dr. David Felton, and Dr. Philip Rinaudo. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association and Mr. Christopher Welber, executive director, American College of Prosthodontics, attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education; Ms. Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education; and Ms. Michele Kendall, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

The meeting of the Review Committee on Prosthodontics Education (PROS RC) was held on January 10, 2024 via a virtual meeting. The PROS RC report is found in **Appendix 24**.

Report on Prosthodontics Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the PROS RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Prosthodontics Annual Survey Curriculum Section for prosthodontics programs, including maxillofacial prosthetics (**Appendix 25**) be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2024.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Improve Diversity in Dental and Dental Related Education Programs: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the PROS RC in conjunction with the report of the Postdoctoral General Dentistry Review Committee, as noted above.



Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee composed of all Commissioners who chair the discipline-specific Review Committees in dental, allied dental, and advanced dental education, and additional CODA Commissioners, to study the Accreditation Standards for possible revision related to the letter from The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity.

New Business: Qualifications for Maxillofacial Prosthetics Program Directors: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Report of the Review Committee on Dental Anesthesiology Education (DENTANES RC):

Committee Chair: Dr. Joseph Giovannitti. **Committee Members:** Ms. LaShun James, Dr. Gerard Kugel, and Dr. Mana Saraghi. Dr. Philip Yen was unable to attend. **Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual):** Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association, attended the policy portion of the meeting. **Staff Members:** Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education; Ms. Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education; and Ms. Bridget Blackwood, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

The meeting of the Review Committee on Dental Anesthesiology Education (DentAnes RC) was held on January 10, 2024 via a virtual meeting. The DENTANES RC report is found in **Appendix 26**.

Report on Dental Anesthesiology Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the DENTANES RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Dental Anesthesiology Annual Survey Curriculum Section for dental anesthesiology programs (**Appendix 27**) be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2024.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Improve Diversity in Dental and Dental Related Education Programs: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the DENTANES RC in conjunction with the report of the Postdoctoral General Dentistry Review Committee, as noted above.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee composed of all Commissioners who chair the discipline-specific Review Committees in dental, allied dental, and advanced dental education, and additional CODA Commissioners, to study the Accreditation Standards for possible revision related to the letter from The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity.

Report of the Review Committee on Oral Medicine Education (OM RC): **Committee Interim Chair:** Dr. Scott DeRossi. **Committee Members:** Ms. Jennifer Barber, Dr. Michael DeBellis, Dr. Lina Mejia, and Dr. Thomas Sollecito. **Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual):** Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association, attended the policy portion of the meeting. **Staff Members:** Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education; Ms. Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education; and Ms. Bridget Blackwood, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).



The meeting of the Review Committee on Oral Medicine Education (OM RC) was held on January 9, 2024 via a virtual meeting. The OM RC report is found in **Appendix 28**.

Report on Oral Medicine Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the OM RC and concurred.

Commission Action: It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Oral Medicine Annual Survey Curriculum Section for oral medicine programs (**Appendix 29**) be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2024.

Informational Report on the Conduct of a Validity and Reliability Study for the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral Medicine: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Improve Diversity in Dental and Dental Related Education Programs: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the OM RC in conjunction with the report of the Postdoctoral General Dentistry Review Committee, as noted above.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee composed of all Commissioners who chair the discipline-specific Review Committees in dental, allied dental, and advanced dental education, and additional CODA Commissioners, to study the Accreditation Standards for possible revision related to the letter from The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity.

New Business: Commission on Dental Accreditation Reciprocity with the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the OM RC and concurred. Additionally, the Commission discussed the scope of accreditation within Canada.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs a communication to the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC) for an update on the identification of representatives to serve on the ad hoc committee and CDAC's continued interest in reviewing and potentially extending reciprocity to oral medicine education programs.

New Business: CODA Mega Issue Session for Professional Development: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Report of the Review Committee on Orofacial Pain Education (OFP RC): **Committee Chair**: Dr. Joseph Cohen. **Committee Members**: Dr. Steven Bender, Dr. Bessie Katsilometes, and Dr. Robert Windsor. Dr. Reny de Leeuw was not in attendance. **Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual)**: Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association; Mr. Allan O'Bryan, executive director, American Academy of Orofacial Pain; Dr. Alex Vaughan, council member, American Academy of Orofacial Pain; and Dr. Marcela Romero Reyes, member, Continuing Education Oversight Committee, American Academy of Orofacial Pain, attended the policy portion of the meeting. **Commissioners**: Dr. Maxine Feinberg, chair, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) attended a portion of the policy portion of the meeting. **Staff Members**: Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education; Ms.



Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education; and Ms. Bridget Blackwood, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

The meeting of the Review Committee on Orofacial Pain Education (OFP RC) was held on January 8, 2024 via a virtual meeting. The OFP RC report is found in **Appendix 30**.

Report on Orofacial Pain Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the OFP RC and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Orofacial Pain Annual Survey Curriculum Section for orofacial pain programs (**Appendix 31**) be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2024.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the OFP RC. The Commission discussed the current revisions under consideration for adoption at this meeting, noting a New Business item will address a review of the Standards as the discipline continues to develop. Following consideration, the Commission concurred with the recommendation of the Orofacial Pain Review Committee.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain found in **Appendix 30** and directs revision of all related documents, for implementation July 1, 2024.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Improve Diversity in Dental and Dental Related Education Programs: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the OFP RC in conjunction with the report of the Postdoctoral General Dentistry Review Committee, as noted above.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee composed of all Commissioners who chair the discipline-specific Review Committees in dental, allied dental, and advanced dental education, and additional CODA Commissioners, to study the Accreditation Standards for possible revision related to the letter from The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity.

New Business: Baseline Skills of Residents Entering Orofacial Pain Programs: The Commission considered the report and recommendation of the OFP RC and concurred. Discussion on this matter by the Commission occurred earlier in the meeting while considering the report of the Orofacial Pain Review Committee on current proposed revisions to Accreditation Standards.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Review Committee on Orofacial Pain Education to meet prior to the Summer 2024 meetings for further discussion and consideration of possible revision to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain, particularly related to the baseline competencies for the discipline, with a report to the Summer 2024 meeting of the Commission.

Miscellaneous Affairs-Consideration of Matters Relating to More than One Review Committee



Informational Report of Review Committee and Commission Meeting Dates: The Commission reviewed meeting dates through Summer 2025.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Reminder of Professional Conduct Policy and Prohibition Against Harassment: The Commission was reminded of the Policy on Professional Conduct and Prohibition Against Harassment.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Consideration of Resolutions Adopted by the ADA House of Delegates Related to the Commission on Dental Accreditation and Dental Education: The Commission considered the resolutions adopted by the American Dental Association (ADA) House of Delegates and ADA Board of Trustees. Specifically, the Commission noted that, at the time of the meeting, the Commission had not received communication from the American Dental Association related to Resolutions 408H-2023 and 409H-2023.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Miscellaneous Affairs-Matters for the Commission as a Whole

Report of the Standing Committee on Finance: The report of the Standing Committee on Finance can be found in **Appendix 32**. Below are actions taken by the Commission related to the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance.

Review of CODA Administrative Fund (Administrative Fund): The Commission considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs, through the ADA-CODA Relationship Workgroup, discussion of the Commission's Administrative Fund, including a mechanism by which the Fund is replenished annually based upon the Commission's revenue after total expenses are paid.

Review of ADA-CODA Shared Services Agreement: The Commission considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs, through the ADA-CODA Relationship Workgroup, engagement in negotiations with the ADA related to the next ADA-CODA Shared Services Agreement.

Consideration of Ongoing Business and CODA Directives:

Timeline (Long-Term Plan) to Assume Total Expenses and Authority to Determine and Manage Annual Operating Budget: The Commission considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs postponement of its plan to obtain sole authority to set and administer CODA's annual operating budget until completion of the CODA financial analysis study.



Financial and Comparative Analysis Study: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Consideration of CODA Proposed 2024 Operating Budget and Fees:

Annual Fees and Application Fees: The Commission considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee. The Commission noted the significant increase in the daily stipend rate for 2024, which nearly doubled the daily stipend to volunteers and was not in place at the time CODA prepared its 2024 budget. The Commission also considered the work of volunteers, noting stipends are paid only to offset travel costs and do not account for additional work and preparation for meetings that do not require travel. The Commission noted that a year-end surplus of over \$500,000 was subsumed within the ADA operational budget at year end 2023, since the Commission cannot retain its surplus revenue after total expenses are paid. The Commission also discussed additional expenses in 2025, with higher travel and reimbursement costs, and determined that a moderate fee increase of two percent (2%) is warranted. The Commission also noted that it is engaging in a financial analysis study at this time, with results to follow at a future meeting. Following consideration, the Commission concurred with the 2025 fees proposed by the Standing Committee on Finance.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs:

- Adopt a 2% increase in annual fees for all disciplines in 2025; \$8,550 for predoctoral dental education programs, \$2,150 for dental assisting, dental hygiene, dental therapy, and advanced dental education programs, and \$1,520 for dental laboratory technology programs.
- Affirm that during the year a program is due for a regular accreditation site visit, the annual fee will be doubled.
- Maintain the application fees of \$67,400 for predoctoral dental education programs and \$16,850 for allied and advanced education programs.

International Fees (For CODA Accreditation Process): The Commission considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs:

- Maintain the international predoctoral dental education application fee of \$76,660 in 2025.
- Adopt a 2% increase in the international predoctoral dental education annual accreditation fee to \$20,070 in 2025.
- Affirm that international predoctoral dental education programs pay all site visit expenses (actual expenses) for all site visits during the application and regular site visit schedule.
- Affirm that international predoctoral dental education programs pay an administrative fee of 25% of the total site visit cost for coordination of each site visit.
- Maintain the International Consulting Fee (outside of PACV process) of \$5,000.
- Affirm that all international fees must be paid in U.S. Dollars.

Other Accreditation Fees: The Commission considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs:



- Maintain the Special Focused Site Visit Administrative Fee of \$5,000.
- Maintain the CODA Fee for Non-Compliance with CODA Policy on Privacy and Data Security (HIPAA) of \$4,000 per program per submission.
- Maintain the Email/Contact Distribution List Fee of a \$200 minimum.
- Waive the CODA Administrative Fund fee of \$25 per program in 2025.

International Fees (For International Consultation and Accreditation PACV Process): The Commission considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs maintaining the current Preliminary Accreditation and Consultation Visit (PACV) International Consultation and Accreditation Fees (**Appendix 32**).

Commission Policies Related to Fees: The Commission considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts, with immediate implementation, the proposed revisions to the Commission's Program Fee Policy, and policy on Invoicing Process for Special Focused Site Visits (**Appendix 32**).

Report of the Standing Committee on Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning (QASP): The report of the Standing Committee on Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning can be found in **Appendix 33**.

Consideration of 2022-2026 CODA Strategic Plan Tracking Sheet and Operational Effectiveness Tracking Sheet: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Consideration of Ongoing Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning Activities

Review of Shared Services Agreement Between the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) and the American Dental Association (ADA): There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Additional Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning Items for Discussion

Activities Related to the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC): There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

Trends in Dental Education, Practice, Research, and Higher Education, and Update on United States Department of Education and General Accreditation Matters: The Commission considered the report of the Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning Committee (QASP) related to recent changes in Pell Grant and Title IV funding, and the impact on CODA-accredited allied dental education programs. The



Commission amended the recommendation of the QASP to include circulation of information obtained by CODA staff to the Ad Hoc Committee on Dental Laboratory Technology Accreditation Standards along with the dental assisting Ad Hoc Committee and QASP.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs CODA staff to obtain information on recent changes to Pell Grant and Title IV funding, and the impact on CODA-accredited allied dental education programs, with a report to the Commission through its Ad Hoc Committee on Dental Assisting Program Closure and Discontinuance of Accreditation, the Ad Hoc Committee on Dental Laboratory Technology Accreditation Standards, and the Standing Committee on Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning in Summer 2024.

Report of the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy Review: The report of the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy Review can be found in **Appendix 34**. Below are actions taken by the Commission related to the Report of the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy Review.

Regular Review of Commission Policies: The Commission reviewed the report of the Standing Committee and concurred with its recommendations.

The Commission reviewed and revised the following policies:

- *Conflict of Interest Policy*
- *Policy on Silent Observer on Site Visits*
- *Policy on State Board Participation During Site Visits*
- *Policy on Preparation and Submission of Documents to the Commission*
- *Policy on Enrollment Increase in Advanced Dental Education Programs*
- *Guidelines for Requesting an Increase in Enrollment in a Predoctoral Dental Education Program*
- *Policy Statement on Reporting and Approval of Sites Where Educational Activity Occurs*
- *Function and Procedure of the Appeal Board*

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts and implements immediately the proposed revisions to policies found in **Appendix 34**, including the revision of policies in the Commission's EOPP and in all appropriate Commission documents.

Report of the Standing Committee on Communication and Technology: The report of the Standing Committee on Communication and Technology can be found in **Appendix 35**.

CODA Website Analytics: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action is required.

CODA Communication Plan: The Commission considered the recommendation of the Communication and Technology Committee and concurred.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts, with immediate implementation, the 2024-2028 CODA Communication Plan and Strategy, and Executive Summary Report (**Appendix 35**).



Electronic Accreditation Platform: There was no discussion on this report.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action is required.

Report of the Standing Committee on Site Visit Process and Training: The Commission considered the report of the Standing Committee on Site Visit Process and Training found in **Appendix 36**.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action is required.

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Development and Mega Issues: The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Development and Mega Issues found in **Appendix 37**. While earlier in the meeting the Commission discussed the concept of diversity as a potential Mega Issue topic, it was believed that this topic should first be considered by the designated Ad Hoc Committee. The Commission approved the topic of artificial intelligence for Summer 2024, noting that diversity would be a valuable future topic.

Commission Actions: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Development to coordinate a Summer 2024 Mega Issue discussion on “Artificial Intelligence and Dental Education,” and invite no more than two (2) speakers to provide information on the impact of artificial intelligence in dentistry and dental education, with a focus on student/resident/fellow instruction and evaluation for competence.

Informational Report of the Standing Committee on International Accreditation: The Commission considered the informational report of the Standing Committee on International Accreditation (**Appendix 38**), without further discussion.

Commission Action: This report is informational in nature and no action is required.

Update on United States Department of Education (USDE) and Higher Education Accreditation Issues: The Commission’s Senior Director provided a brief update on the United States Department of Education.

Survey of Meeting: Commissioners were reminded to complete the electronic post-meeting survey. The survey is important for determining whether the Commission is achieving its goals for the year and how the virtual meeting technology performed for the meeting.

New Businesses: *Pediatric Dentistry Standards Related to Anesthesia*: In a New Business discussion, a motion was made to reconsider the action of the Commission to adopt the proposed revisions to the pediatric dentistry Standards, which had occurred earlier in the meeting. Additional discussion followed surrounding the decision to not circulate the modified revisions because the Commission adopted the recommendation of the PED RC that the revisions were not significant and did not warrant recirculation. Again, some members of the Commission maintained that because the revisions were substantial and due to the absence of numerical age requirements in the Standard, the modified proposed revisions should have been circulated to the communities of interest prior to the Commission’s adoption. Through further discussion, the Commission was again reminded that currently, the Standard has no age requirements. Some members of the Commission maintained that minimum requirements in terms of age categories of patients treated and experiences gained in advanced dental education programs are important and that when there are adverse outcomes of sedated children, often it is due to insufficient training and being



unprepared to rescue a patient in trouble. The Commission was also reminded that, generally, educational programs are competency-based and that in previous years, there were more quantitative requirements. Nonetheless, each discipline typically determines the appropriate minimum number of procedures and other requirements within its Standards, with the expectation that each program in the discipline will ensure its graduates are competent.

Following lengthy discussion of the New Business item, the motion to recirculate the proposed revision was not adopted; accordingly, the Commission maintained its previous decision to adopt the proposed revisions to the Pediatric Dentistry Standards, with implementation January 1, 2025. Additionally, the Commission directed the Review Committee on Pediatric Dentistry Education to reconsider patient age categories and the number of required experiences in patient age categories, related to the anesthesia requirements within the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Pediatric Dentistry.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Review Committee on Pediatric Dentistry Education to reconsider patient age categories and the number of required experiences in patient age categories, related to the anesthesia requirements within the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Pediatric Dentistry.

New Businesses: *Diversity Equity and Inclusion – Ad Hoc Committee:* The Commission considered further its earlier action to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to consider the topic of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging. In doing so, the Commission believed the Ad Hoc Committee’s membership should expand to include additional Commissioners who are not Chairs of Review Committees.

Commission Action: The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs that the membership composition of the Ad Hoc Committee to consider diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging be expanded to include additional Commissioners who are not Chairs of the Commission’s Review Committees.

Adjourn: The Commission adjourned the open session at 2:02 P.M.
